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Olefins and Other Hydrocarbons
As Base Oils For Invert Emulsion
Oil Muds"

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 29, 2005, please amend this application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper;
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper; and
- **Summary** begins on page 5 of this paper

No fee is believed due for this amendment but an extension of time is believed needed for this response. The Commissioner is requested to grant the extension of time and is authorized to charge the fee for same and any other fees that may be due for this application (except the issue fee) to undersigned's credit (or debit) card. A credit card charge authorization form is attached. If the charge can not be completed, the Commissioner is authorized to charge undersigned's deposit account, 50-0807.